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THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF DRUG POLCY

WHEREAS, Arizona has a commitment to reduce the demand for drugs by empowering local people to work collaboratively to make needed changes in their community and promote healthy lifestyles; and

WHEREAS, Arizona has a commitment to provide education, prevention and treatment relating to alcohol and other drug abuse and participation in criminal street gangs; and

WHEREAS, the efforts of State agencies need to be coordinated in order to utilize resources in the most effective manner; and

WHEREAS, every aspect of a community is necessary to be included in planning and delivering multi-strategy, anti-drug services and gang prevention and intervention services to meet individual community needs; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's Alliance Against Drugs unites the citizens of each community to prevent and reduce the illicit use and harmful effects of alcohol and other drugs throughout Arizona;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Fife Symington, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby amend Executive Order No. 90-12 in order to expand the mission and duties of the Governor's Office of Drug Policy:

The Governor's Office of Drug Policy shall identify concerns and formulate issues of importance to Arizona organizations involved in anti-drug and anti-gang efforts and advise the Governor on these issues. When appropriate, recommendations will be made for legislative or administrative action. The Office shall be committed to improving the quality of life for all of Arizona's citizens by working to reduce substance abuse and negative gang behaviors through the efforts of prevention, treatment, and enforcement. To meet this commitment, the Office shall:

- (1) Coordinate anti-drug and anti-gang efforts at the State level to ensure the most effective use of agency resources and staff. Input will be received from the Arizona Drug and Gang Policy Council, Arizona Department of Public Safety, Criminal Justice Commission Drug Enforcement Task Force, Governor's Alliance Against Drugs and official bodies that represent the Alliance, Governor's Youth Commission Against Drugs, local "grassroots" community organizations and business community.
- (2) Mobilize communities to develop long-term comprehensive anti-drug strategies through the Governor's Alliance Against Drugs and anti-gang strategies through local community organizations and groups. In this role, the Governor's Office of Drug Policy will provide training, technical assistance and possible funding opportunities for community drug prevention and anti-gang programs. The Office will work in conjunction with the Arizona Prevention Resource Center.
- (3) Serve as staff for the Drug and Gang Policy Council.

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- (4) Monitor community drug prevention grants, high-risk youth grants and other grants made available through the Drug Free Schools and Communities Act.
- (5) Review agency drug budgets to ensure coordination and the most effective use of resources.

The Office may:

- (1) Provide fiscal support to the Governor's Alliance Against Drugs (GAAD) and the official bodies that act for or represent the GAAD.
- (2) Coordinate statewide training and technical assistance to communities.
- (3) Plan and execute programs to reduce the demand for drugs throughout Arizona.
- (4) Make and sign agreements and expend funds necessary to the Office's purpose and programs.
- (5) On behalf of the Governor, seek and accept private grants and federal and state resources to advance the purposes of the Office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona.

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix this Thirteenth Day of March in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-two and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Sixteenth.

ATTEST:

Secretary of State